

Internal research newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH

Town and gown no more...

An old cliché says that cities and universities are separated by a ‘town and gown divide’ that is perpetuated by a lack of community interest and academic ivory-tower mentality. Fortunately, this cliché is dead. “There is no more ivory tower,” says past-President of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, McGill Professor Antonia Maioni in a recent *Globe and Mail* editorial. “Today, professors and all those who work with them are at the front lines of a diverse, interconnected, globally competitive world, pushing the boundaries of research and innovation, while training new generations of students.” Interconnection is the key concept for universities and their cities as they forge new partnerships and create new interactive dynamics. The research enterprise of a university offers an extraordinary platform for this fruitful

interaction: through research partnerships, engagement of communities in research, training, and social and technological innovation, universities and cities shape one another’s mission and jointly transform a region’s socio-economic mix.

UVic’s IdeaFest, held annually in March, creates opportunities for these fruitful exchanges, to open UVic’s doors for a week, and to publicly celebrate the rich breadth of research and creative activity that brings UVic and greater Victoria together. Once again this year, over 400 faculty, staff and students enthusiastically volunteered their time and energy to create a remarkably rich tableau of 50 events that engaged 4600 people on and off campus. The Office of the Vice-President Research coordinated two events of special significance to UVic and the greater Victoria

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This newsletter is compiled by the Office of the Vice-President Research using submissions from the University of Victoria research community.

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community. One event, “Change-makers: Bright minds and big ideas” brought together four of UVic’s 38 Canada Research Chairs to discuss their experiences at the cutting-edge of their research in fields as diverse as Indigenous Law, Nanoplasmonics, Ocean Carbon Dynamics, and Astrophysics. In a second event, “Tapping population data: A new era in health research and care,” four panelists representing research strengths from UVic and Island Health explored the future impact on health services and health outcomes of linking individual-level with large-scale population data sets. At these well-attended events

researchers and the audience actively discussed the big ideas that drive research and creative activity, and explored the social and economic impact of implementing new and bold ideas. IdeaFest is so successful because it unites ‘town and gown’ by being open to everyone, fun and engaging, and also because it is focused precisely on making new knowledge from the exciting, compelling, and competitive world of research, scholarship and creativity accessible and useful.

—David Castle, Vice-President Research

Upcoming events



Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith

Exciting Asia-themed conferences

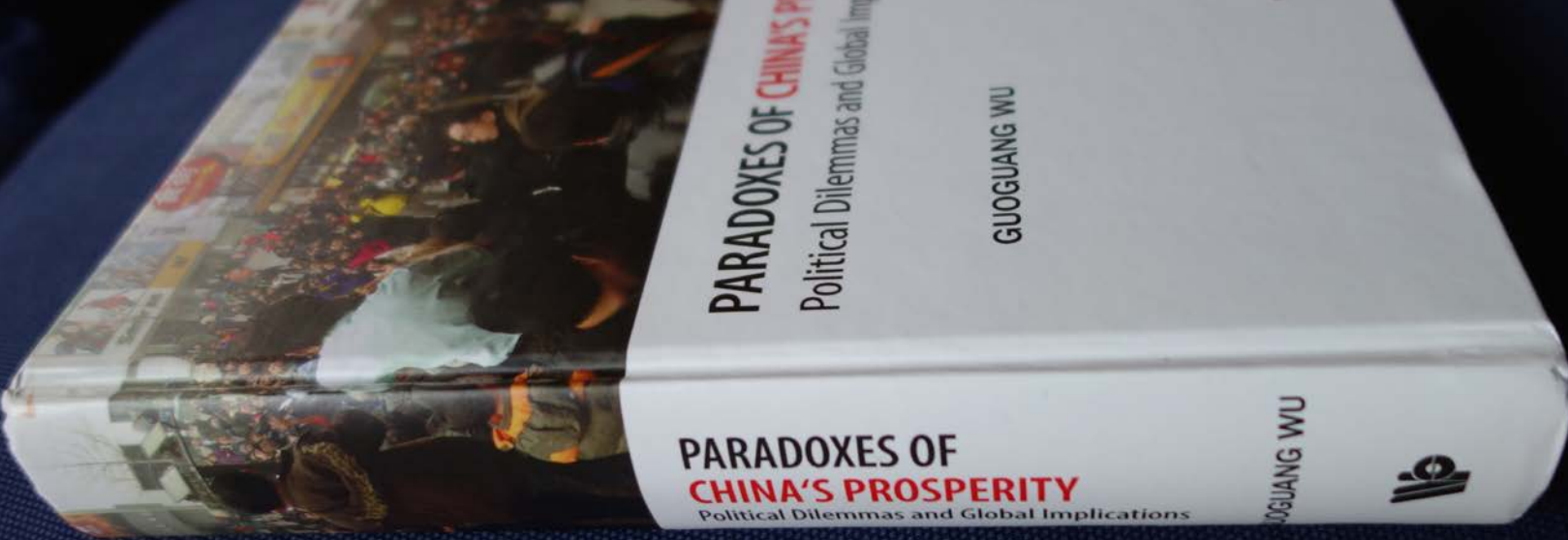
The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) is busy conference planning, with many exciting speakers coming to town.

Migration & Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond | June 11-13

As part of CAPI’s Migration and Mobility Program, the Migration & Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond conference (happening at UVic June 11-13), will bring together researchers, policy-makers and activists from diverse disciplinary and regional locations in an innovative forum to discuss new theoretical directions, interdisciplinary approaches and critical dialogues on migration and mobility in the Asia-Pacific and beyond. CAPI received a \$25,000 SSHRC Connections Grant that is enabling them to bring over 30 academics, policymakers and civil society members to Victoria – making this a truly diverse and dynamic conference! Their new e-journal, *Migration, Mobility & Displacement*, will launch ahead of the conference.

Linda Tuhiwai Smith (University of Waikato, New Zealand), the author of international bestseller *Decolonising Methodologies Research and Indigenous Peoples*, is presenting the Friday night keynote on June 12 – this lecture will be open to the public and all are welcome. Additional program information and registration is available on the CAPI [website](#).

— Christina Harris



People and places

Guoguang Wu

Professor |
Departments of Political Science and History

Dr. Guoguang Wu (Political Science and History departments) has just returned to the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) from an incredibly productive sabbatical. After 11 years at the centre (Dr. Wu joined CAPI in July 2004 as the Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations) he is adding three more books to his already impressive publication list.

Since he has been with CAPI he has published 12 books (with two more coming this year) and over 75 articles or book chapters! *Paradoxes of China's Prosperity: Domestic Dilemmas and Global Implications*, published by World Scientific this January, is a compilation of 22 articles originally published over the last 10 years. Presented in three sections (Political Dilemmas, Battles for Change and Global Implications), this compilation highlights the “paradoxes” of prosperity surrounding the ongoing debate on the global implications of China’s rise.

Dr. Wu is currently finishing work on two additional books that will be published late this summer. *China's Transition from Communism: New Perspectives* (Routledge) was edited with Helen Lansdowne, CAPI Associate Director, and will present the proceedings of CAPI’s conference, Perspectives on China’s Transition, held at UVic in 2013.

China's Party Congress: Power, Legitimacy, and Institutional Manipulation (Cambridge University Press) is a result of Dr. Wu’s examination of the National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party. This will be the first book length treatment of this significant political institution – one that makes the rules (and chooses the rulers) for Chinese politics!

— Christina Harris

Kim Nayyer

Associate University Librarian, Law |
UVic Libraries



Kim Nayyer has been appointed as Associate University Librarian, Law effective January 1, 2015. Kim has been with UVic Libraries since 2011, providing research help and instruction in the Diana M. Priestly Law

Library, launching its social media platforms, with responsibility for management of the Priestly Law Library collection since 2012. Kim has a BSc from University of Alberta, an LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School and an MLIS from University of Alberta. She is also a member of the Bars of Alberta and Ontario, and since 2013 she has taught introductory and advanced legal research and writing courses for the Faculty of Law.

— Susan Henderson

People and places cont.

Justin E. Karr

Doctoral student |
Department of Psychology



Justin E. Karr is an extraordinary graduate student in the Department of Psychology. Gifted with a critical and inquisitive mind, he investigates complex psychological phenomena using sophisticated statistical and psychometric methods. Justin obtained a *summa cum laude* bachelor's degree in Psychology from Western Oregon University. He then came to UVic for graduate school under the mentorship of Dr. Mauricio Garcia-Barrera, earning his Master's degree in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis on Neuropsychology, after completing a systematic review of meta-analyses and an empirical study on the effects of mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI, also known as concussion) on cognition. His knowledge synthesis paper revealed the vulnerability of executive functioning (a goal oriented and self-regulatory cognitive function) to the aftermath of multiple concussions, particularly in youth athletes, and it was selected by the editor of the American Psychological Association (APA) journal *Neuropsychology* for an article spotlight to secure dissemination. Intrigued by mTBI, Justin focused his minor candidacy paper on a meta-analytic investigation of the effects of blast-related mTBI in military personnel. His study demonstrated impairments in executive functioning not predicted by most traditionally investigated PTSD symptoms and was published within six weeks from submission in the prestigious journal *Neuropsychology Review*.

Justin is an active contributor to CORTEX, Dr. Garcia-Barrera's lab dedicated to the study of executive functioning, and he is poised to become an outstanding independent contributor to the field of Psychology. In the last four years, Justin accomplished 10 peer-reviewed publications, presented at over 30 refereed conferences and secured internal and external funding. Furthermore, Justin's commitment transcends the research environment. He currently seats at the APA Graduate Students Association committee, representing students across North America in decision-making about membership recruitment and retention. With an outstanding record of leadership, academic performance and achievements, Justin received the Vanier-NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship for his Ph.D.

— Mauricio Garcia-Barrera

Lisa Goddard

Associate University Librarian, Digital Scholarship & Strategy |
UVic Libraries



UVic Libraries is pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Goddard as Associate University Librarian, Digital Scholarship & Strategy, effective Feb. 1, 2015. Lisa comes to UVic from Memorial University where she has been Scholarly Communication Librarian since 2012, and has held various prior positions at Memorial including acting AUL for IT in 2010 and Head of Library Systems from 2003-2009. She holds a BA from Queen's University, an MLS from McGill University, a Graduate Diploma in Information Technology from Memorial University and is currently completing an MA in Humanities Computing at the University of Alberta.

— Susan Henderson

Roy Suddaby

Winspear Chair |
Peter B. Gustavson School of Business



Dr. Roy Suddaby joins Gustavson as it launches its 25th birthday celebrations in 2015 as a Winspear Chair. Last year Suddaby was recognized as one of the world's most influential researchers in business and economics and was named to the Thompson Reuters group of academics who rank in the top one per cent of citations in their field. His previous role was with the University of Alberta, where he was a professor of strategic management and organization.

“Roy’s current research focuses on organizational change and the intersection between business and society. He is specifically looking at corporate art collections, how corporations are preserving their own history, creating their own museums and the rise of corporate universities. This will add depth to our teaching of the role corporations play in creating and preserving our society’s culture while seeking to support their employees and stakeholders in new and dynamic ways,” says Dean, Saul Klein. “We also know we are doing outstanding research work at Gustavson and Roy’s expertise will help us showcase our research to an expanding global audience.”

Suddaby is the outgoing editor of the *Academy of Management Review*, one of the most influential academic journals in North America. He is on the editorial boards of *Business Research* (German Academic Association), *Journal of Management Studies*, *Journal of Professions and Organization*, *Organization Studies*, and the *Scandinavian Journal of Management*. Suddaby has won numerous awards for his research papers as well as the Greif Research Impact Award from the Academy of Management, and been recognized as professor of the year multiple times, including being named among the best business teachers in the US by Business Week magazine (2002-2004). He is also the recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award by the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada.

Joining a young and dynamic business school committed to creating global citizens, while focusing on three key areas of entrepreneurship, international business and service management, is a dream come true for Suddaby.

— Wendy Mah





Research highlights

New horizons in acting training

If you've ever seen actors at work—on stage, on screen, on the street or on television—you've seen the results of the kind of pedagogy happening daily in the Department of Theatre. But recent research has focused on the need for a new kind of acting training; as such, UVic just hosted a first-of-its-kind national symposium, questioning traditional acting methods and examining what's been described as “the crisis of actor training in Canada.”

Co-organized by Theatre professor Conrad Alexandrowicz, the Actor Training in a Shifting World symposium welcomed 34 acting instructors from post-secondary institutions across Canada to discuss the state of their field and to share ideas about the future of actor training in Canada.

The symposium addressed issues ranging from diversity in gender, sexuality, physicality and ethnicity to funding challenges, new teaching methods and philosophies, postgraduate and company-based training models, and the gap between acting institutions and the professional world.

“We want to reflect a much broader picture—who's actually living in Canada and what kind of theatre people are making across the board, not just what goes on at festivals and mainstream stages,” says Alexandrowicz. “We're training people to do a range of things and we need to include a whole different set of approaches to realize that goal.”

The feedback from symposium participants was extremely positive, and demonstrates the Department of Theatre's ability to take the lead in facilitating national conversations.

“It's good for UVic to host a discussion where we're questioning all the things we've taken for granted for decades—that acting always comes out of a printed script,” he says. “We're under a lot of pressure to think of theatre training as a greater part of a liberal arts education, so we should be including people from all across campus, people who want to learn about performance but have no interest in professional acting per se.”

— John Threlfall



Theatre professor Conrad Alexandrowicz leads one of his acting classes



Outstanding engagement at IdeaFest 2015

IdeaFest, UVic's fourth annual festival of research, attracted unprecedented engagement this year, with over 400 faculty, staff and students taking part as organizers and presenters and over 4500 people attending from both the on-campus and off-campus communities. The roster of over 50 free events running from March 2-5 offered festival goers some incredible diversity, with topics ranging from orca research and innovations in cancer detection, to the science of climate modeling and the political impacts of the war on ISIS.

While IdeaFest proved itself once again to be an opportunity to share and celebrate some of the university's brightest minds and ideas, there were also notable and exciting changes in this year's event. As a second-time festival coordinator, I remarked early on that we had a unique roster this year, in which many organizers took their presentations to a new level of creative engagement. This included a considerable up-tick in multi-disciplinary events, as well as presentations that used a fusion of event formats to bring their topics to life. Events like [Graphic ideas @UVic](#) and [Women crossing borders: Gender and the Asia Pacific](#) are two examples of the many hybrid presentation styles in this year's line-up.

There was also a pronounced and quantifiable shift in this year's social and traditional media engagement. In February and early March, Twitter lit up with posts on IdeaFest, with the hashtag #ideafest2015 showing up in over 1100 messages. Newspaper publications and radio coverage also increased to eight stories in the Times Colonist and Black Press newspapers and seven radio interviews with CBC and CFAX 1070. These connections and conversations, combined with the increase in participation and attendance, contributed to something remarkable, but perhaps less measurable: a sense that IdeaFest really came into its own.

Over 50 of UVic's faculties, departments, schools, centres and labs took up the challenge of sharing their research and creative projects at IdeaFest. The achievements of this year's festival were a direct result of each of the participating scholars, artists, community experts and staff. Our collective time, energy, passion and imagination made IdeaFest 2015 a genuine success. Check out this [Storify album](#) for a glimpse of the engagement at IdeaFest 2015 and the [festival website](#) for the full roster of events.

IdeaFest is organized by the Office of the Vice-President Research and the Research Partnerships and Knowledge Mobilization Unit, with assistance from University Communications and Marketing. Special thanks to our festival sponsors: The Times Colonist and Island Savings for their support of this year's festival.

— Tara Todesco

Research highlights cont.

Strategic Research Plan Update

As part of the UVic Strategic Research Plan's development, a broad and inclusive engagement process is currently underway involving both internal and external UVic research stakeholders. The feedback and ideas generated from this process will inform the plan's development. 35 on-campus engagement meetings involving nearly 500 participants have been held so far. To learn more about some of the key messages emerging from these discussions, read the March 2015 Quarterly Update. Another Quarterly Update will be published before the summer.

A review of the Office of Research Services (ORS) is also being conducted in parallel with the development of the Strategic Research Plan. The review has three components: a survey that closed February 6, 2015, an internal self-study and a visit by an external review panel. The survey received 1300 responses and an analysis of the results is currently underway. The outcomes of the review will help us to assess ORS' services, develop plans to enhance its support, and inform the development of the Strategic Research Plan.

Feedback and ideas for the Strategic Research Plan are welcomed and can be emailed to researchplan@uvic.ca. To learn more about the plan's development visit the [Strategic Research Plan website](http://www.uvic.ca/researchplan).

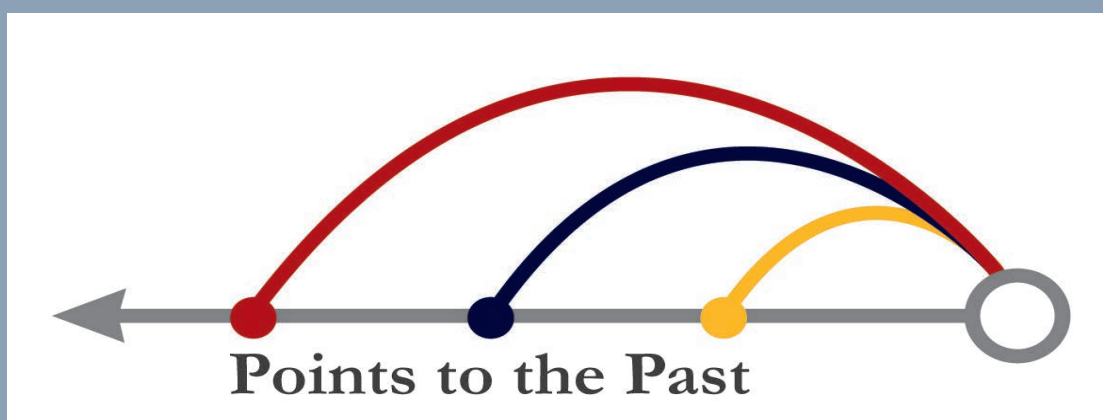
— Tamsin Kaneen

www.uvic.ca/researchplan

New province-wide access to research materials

As part of an agreement spearheaded by the University of Victoria Libraries, in collaboration with Simon Fraser University Library and University of British Columbia Library, permanent free access has been negotiated for all B.C residents to the entire Gale Digital Collections' nearly 200 million pages of digitized historical content. This ground-breaking initiative is the first of its kind in Canada. To access these resources, please visit the Points to the Past [website](http://www.points-to-the-past.ca).

— Susan Henderson





Dr. Tima Bansal

Gustavson hosts leading sustainability expert

Two decades ago, when Dr. Tima Bansal, a recent Lansdowne speaker hosted by the Gustavson School of Business, was working on her doctorate at Oxford University, she had to go to the Bodleian Library and wait four hours for the staff to find each book or journal she wanted. Now she taps her keyboard and Google Scholar delivers in seconds.

That acceleration has hit business too, and Bansal, now a professor at Ivey Business School, has some concerns. “I worry that this process of speed has undermined what we mean by sustainability,” she said during her Feb. 19, 2015 Lansdowne Lecture “Hooked on Speed: How the addiction to change is duping corporations and eroding sustainability.”

Dr. Bansal used her research comparing the volatile Coca Cola and slower changing PepsiCo to illustrate her point. “Industry is not sustainable in its current form,” she said. “Speed is the problem – it imposes a cost to organizations and society.” But the answer, she adds, is not simply to slow down.

Fast is okay for non-material resources like ideas and adapting to outside events. But fast costs natural resources, social relationships, organizational performance and stability. That’s not much of a balance sheet.

Businesses, she suggests, should expand the triple bottom line – people, planet, profit - to include time.

“We can be fast to be adaptable,” Dr. Bansal explained. “And slow to be stable.”

During Gustavson’s internal research palooza the next day, Bansal clarified her own position as a scholar. It’s important, she said, to view business and sustainability with a systems perspective – to cut across disciplines to see space, scale and time. It’s not that she’s averse to new ideas and methods; quite the contrary.

Like most academics, she said, “I’m an advocate for change.”



— Wendy Mah



Centre for Biomedical Research students

Research centres

IdeaFest-Pecha Kucha Biomedica and Poster Social

On March 3, the Centre for Biomedical Research hosted our 3rd annual Pecha Kucha Biomedica and Poster Social as part of IdeaFest. There were seven fast-paced (20 slides, 20 sec each) and engaging presentations given exclusively by research trainees—from undergraduates to post-docs. After wrapping up the talks with a Q&A, we moved on to the foyer outside the David Lam theatre for more discussion of biomedical science—this time at the posters.

As with the talks, all posters were given by research trainees and were focused around metaphor and disease states addressed. We had over 200 attendees and the majority were members of the general public. We are convinced they left our session thinking about the reality of our slogan “Tomorrow’s Health, Today’s Research”!

—E. Paul Zehr



CAHR 2015 practicum students

Sara Kissinger is a master's student in the School of Public Health and Social Policy. Sara identifies as a settler of Scottish and Irish ancestry and has married into a family of Coast Salish ancestry. As a non-Indigenous allied researcher, grounding her work in Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing has also become an extension of Sara's personal development.

Sara's primary project at the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research (CAHR) has been to conduct an environmental scan of available materials on Aboriginal Knowledge and Ways of Knowing (AKWK) in relation to health and wellness. This project is in partial fulfillment of her MPH degree program.

The AKWK project aims to create a national accessible web-based resource related to Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing that can support researchers, knowledge-holders, and communities to engage in health and wellness research and public health projects. Sara has been working closely with Indigenous researchers and UVic Libraries.

Candace McKivett came to CAHR for the practicum portion of her undergraduate degree in Health and Community Services within the School of Public Health and Social Policy.

Candace is primarily working on the ethics application for a pilot research project exploring the development of a culturally respectful Indigenous parenting assessment guide. The guide will be piloted with Indigenous parents and caregivers who have had their children placed in foster care. CAHR is undertaking this research at the request of and in partnership with Hulitan Family and Community Services Society.

Candace received a Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award (JCURA) to explore access barriers to health services experienced by Indigenous women who are HIV positive and also identify as sex workers. Part of her practicum at CAHR has been spent gathering data for this project and learning how to create a research poster, which she used to present her preliminary findings at the JCURA event during IdeaFest 2015.

— Erin Barnes

The International Journal of Indigenous Health (IJIH) partners with the First Nations Health Authority

In partnership with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), the IJIH has recently launched a Call for Papers for the 2015 Special Thematic Issue, Wellness-Based Indigenous Health Interventions. Primary areas of interest for this special thematic issue include: managing chronic disease, mental wellness, building resiliency at the community and/ or individual level and using culturally appropriate indicators as a way to measure Indigenous wellness.

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is the first province-wide health authority of its kind in Canada. The FNHA works to reform the way health care is delivered to First Nations in British Columbia through direct services and collaboration with provincial partners. The FNHA is governed by and serves BC First Nations individuals and communities. For more information on the FNHA visit the FNHA [website](#). Published bi-annually by the Aboriginal Health Research Networks Secretariat in Canada, the IJIH was established to advance knowledge and understanding to improve Indigenous health. The journal seeks to bring knowledge from diverse intellectual traditions together with a focus on culturally diverse Indigenous voices, methodologies and epistemology. This peer-reviewed, online, open-access journal shares innovative health research across disciplines, Indigenous communities and countries. Integral to the journal's mandate is the foundational body of knowledge formed by the Journal of Aboriginal Health established by the National Aboriginal Health Organization (2004) and transferred to the Aboriginal Health Research Networks Secretariat (2012).

In December 2014, the IJIH published the inaugural IJIH 2014 Volume 10 Issue 1, Sharing Knowledge across Nations. This edition shares a collection of excellent papers, which span diverse countries, cultures, disciplines and critical health issues, with a particular focus on Indigenous ways of knowing decolonizing methodologies, suicide prevention, food security, child malnutrition, health research ethics reform and sexual health communication with youth.

— Erin Barnes

Watershed governance in action

On Oct. 29, 2014, 16 people gathered in Duncan, B.C. for a daylong tour of the Cowichan watershed. This governance-themed field trip was co-hosted by UVic's POLIS Water Sustainability Project, the Cowichan Watershed Board (CWB), and the Canadian Freshwater Alliance. Participants came from existing B.C. watershed groups or regions that are starting to initiate and implement a watershed governance approach.

Led by CWB Coordinator Rodger Hunter and Cowichan Tribes biologist Tim Kulchyski, the tour offered participants an opportunity to learn from the CWB's experience and ask questions about its evolution.

The tour began at the western edge of the watershed on Cowichan Lake. As the day went on, the group followed the flow of the Cowichan River to the estuary at Cowichan Bay. Along the way, they stopped to discuss specific principles of watershed governance. Learning about the main social and ecological factors in the Cowichan, participants made connections to their home watersheds and saw the complexity and value of watershed-based governance in a tangible way.

Standing on the banks of the river, watching spawning salmon jumping as they fought their way upstream, the group learned the history and current issues of this place—from ecological restoration sites and how the weir controls critical water levels, to the implications of a human-constructed (and ecologically damaging) bend in the river and provincial management in the estuary. Participants were offered a glimpse of the realities of watershed governance, and a deeper understanding of the people, natural history, and economic priorities of the Cowichan.

At each stop, POLIS' Oliver M. Brandes summarized a core principle of developing watershed governance: 1. Peer-to-peer learning is crucial; 2. Experiential learning is key; 3. Conflict can move things forward; 4. Facts, science, and traditional knowledge matter; 5. Small ecological restoration interventions can make a big difference; 5. It's better to work with nature than against it; 7. Authority can help; and 8. Don't give up.

Following the field trip, the group shared a meal and discussed how to move watershed-based management and governance forward across B.C. The conversation focused on the importance of local action and control, the necessity of aboriginal co-governance, and how B.C.'s new Water Sustainability Act might enable governance pilot projects.

The field trip reinforced that there are lessons to be learned from regions that are embracing new ways of working together and considering the environmental and community needs of their watershed in holistic, whole-system ways.

— Laura Brandes





IdeaFest 2015 | Canada's war against ISIS - panel members



IdeaFest 2015 | Canada's war against ISIS - a full house

Ideafest 2015 | Canada's war against ISIS: A panel discussion

This year's Centre for Global Studies (CFGs) Ideafest event, Canada's war against ISIS, was hugely successful thanks to our amazing moderator, panelists, staff and volunteers. The venue filled quickly, with standing room only. Audience members have since enthusiastically reached out to congratulate the Centre on the success of the event, to inquire about when they can view the recording and to ensure they hear about future events. Based on the humbling acclamations received, our audience members are eager for the conversation to continue.

"Paul Bramadat did a masterful job of chairing the event. By asking each panelist a question after their individual presentations, the audience was able to digest the main message of each speaker."

"Each panelist delivered clear, easy-to-understand points about incredibly complex issues. The video in the midst of the panelists broke up the event in a productive way, allowing the audience to engage in different ways and to renew their concentration."

"The panel CFGS hosted on Canada and ISIS was simply brilliant. Each presenter was well informed, articulate and able to convey complex narratives in ways that we could all learn. I would be delighted to see this quality of analysis on TV."

The success of this Ideafest event was beyond our expectations and we look forward to continuing a dialogue on these complex issues with our engaged community members. Thank you to Paul Bramadat, Andrew Wender, Andrew Rippin, Scott Watson and Martin Bunton for engaging us all in this important conversation.

— *Brittany Schina*

Bindu Menon joins CAPI, CFGS and CSRS as the Harold Coward India Research Fellow

Together, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI), Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS) welcome Dr. Bindu Menon as the Harold Coward India Research Fellow. This six-month fellowship targets scholars whose research addresses religion and migration in the Indian national, regional and Indian diasporic contexts.

Menon will be joining UVic from the Department of Journalism at the Lady Shri Ram College for Women in New Delhi where she is an assistant professor. She will be located at the CSRS and will participate in the work of all three Centres. Her research project Transnational Religious Publics: Migration, Visual Culture and Jama'at-e-islami in South Asia and the Middle East focuses on the “refraction of religious experience in post-colonial Kerala, South India as they are articulated through new visual media” with a particular focus on the Islamic Home Film movement.

As part of her fellowship, Menon will be involved in the June Migration and Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections in the Asia-Pacific and Beyond conference presented by CAPI's Migration and Mobility Program.

This fellowship recognizes the contributions of Professor Harold Coward, a prominent Canadian scholar of Hinduism, fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and founding director of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society.

— *Christina Harris*



Dr. Bindu Menon

Exploring Indigenous research ethics policy and practice

The [Centre for Global Studies](#) and the [POLIS Project on Ecological Governance](#) were co-sponsors of a national policy event on Indigenous research ethics in Vancouver on Feb. 18-20. The [Working Better Together](#) conference brought together 80 leading scholars, practitioners, Indigenous elders, students, administrators and policy makers of diverse backgrounds from across the country to explore what it really means - and what it takes – to engage in respectful research with Indigenous communities.

The innovative event was organized and chaired by POLIS Co-director Kelly Bannister and featured presentations by several other UVic participants, including Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins, (Linguistics), Deanna Daniels (Linguistics), Eli Enns (POLIS Project), Eugenie Lam (Office of Research Services) and Coast Salish Elder Florence James (Penelakut Island). The event was organized on behalf of the SSHRC-funded [Intellectual Property Issues in Cultural Heritage](#) project based at SFU (UVic is a partner), with primary financial support from an Impact award from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

Keynote speakers included Dr. Marlene Brant-Castellano, Community Co-chair, Aboriginal Council of Queen's University, and Professor Willie Ermine of First Nations University of Canada, two of the most influential Indigenous ethics policy scholars in our country.

In addition to Canada's top thought leaders and practitioners, the impressive lineup of speakers also included key ethics policy authorities: Susan Zimmerman, Executive Director, Secretariat on Responsible Conduct of Research; James Frideres, Chair, National Panel on Research Ethics (PRE); and Gail Zboch, Senior Program Officer, SSHRC Research Grants and Partnerships.

A comprehensive proceedings report of the Working Better Together Conference on Indigenous Research Ethics will be published in the coming months on the conference [website](#). For more information email ireconference@gmail.com.

—Kelly Bannister



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Fuelling Social Innovation and
Entrepreneurship in Higher Education

CUE @ UVic

Exciting research and engagement activities are sprouting at UVIC's Institute for Studies and Innovation in Community University Engagement (ISICUE).

The J. W. McConnell Family Foundation has awarded the University of Victoria, Camosun College, Royal Roads University and community partners \$201,000 to fuel an enterprise approach to social innovation on Vancouver Island. The RECODE project will provide social innovation and entrepreneurship opportunities for College and University students to become drivers of progress and change. ISICUE is pleased to take a leadership role in this exciting collaboration that will come together to create the Vancouver Island Social Innovation Zone (VISIZ). Check out the ISICUE [website](#) for more information on this and other creative research and engagement projects.

Nationally, ISICUE is the coordination and communications secretariat for [Community Based Research Canada](#) (CBRC). CBRC is a champion and facilitator for community-campus research and engagement in Canada focused on three primary goals: Research, Policy and Advocacy Engagement; National Movement and Capacity Building; and Communications and Network Support. CBRC is a growing network of 15 Canadian campuses, organizations, scholars and community members who all share a engaged in community-based research and CBRC was born out of CUExpo @ UVic in 2008 and is an official sponsor of C2UEXPO 2015.

C2UExpo 2015 will take place at Carleton University in Ottawa from May 26 – 29, 2015. Befitting its location, the conference will seek to explore citizen solutions for a better world by delving into the array of policy work being done to advance solutions in areas such as health, environment, food security, and employment. C2UExpo is a Canadian-led international conference designed to showcase the best practices in community-campus partnerships worldwide; create a space for collaboration around key issues; and foster ideas, connections, and frameworks with the purpose of strengthening our communities. For more information go to the C@UExpo 2015 [website](#).

ISICUE is pleased to support and play a leadership and convening role for local, national and international community-university engagement.

— Rhianna Nagel



Submissions

We would appreciate your feedback and suggestions on how to improve the research newsletter. Please take a few minutes to fill in the survey at <http://bit.ly/1ICBnpl>

Thank you for your submissions and continued interest in UVic research news.

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